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#### Whole-Body Segmentation

• Large field of view, large image matrix





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#### Difference to state-of-the-art: Sparse Correspondences





#### Patch-Based (NLM)



## Related Work

- Segmenting large field-of-view scans
  - Entangled Decision Forests (Montillo, IPMI 2011)
  - Discriminative / Generative Model (Iglesias, IPMI 2011)
  - Local / Global Context (Lay, IPMI 2013)
- Organ Detection
  - Marginal Space Learning (Zheng, IPMI 2009)
  - Regression Forests (Criminisi, MedIA 2013)

Require a training stage.

## Related Work

- Data
  - VISCERAL Challenge (Langs, 2013; Del Toro, 2014)
  - Multi-atlas segmentation
    - Del Toro, ISBI challenge, 2014
    - Goksel, ISBI challenge, 2014
- Keypoints 3D SIFT
  - Image alignment (Toews, IPMI 2013, MedIA 2013)
  - Neurolmaging (Toews, Neurolmage 2010)
  - Big data analysis (Poster #7)

# Method

- 1. Keypoint extraction
- 2. Matching
- 3. Voting
- 4. Segmentation

#### **Keypoint Detection**

Difference-of-Gaussian scale-space extrema



$$\{(x_i, \sigma_i)\} = \text{local} \max_{x, \sigma} \left| \frac{dI(x, \sigma)}{d\sigma} \right|$$

- x: Location
- $\sigma$ : Scale

## **Keypoint Description**

- Encode local image content
- Gradient orientation histogram (GoH)
  - Quantization: 8 blocks x 8 orientation bins







#### **Keypoint Matching**

• Find nearest neighbors

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{F}_{I_i}}{\text{minimize}} & \|F^D - \mathcal{F}^D\|\\\\ \text{subject to} & \varepsilon_{\sigma}^{-1} \leq \frac{F^{\sigma}}{\mathcal{F}^{\sigma}} \leq \varepsilon_{\sigma}\\\\ \end{array}$$



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• Estimate global translation  $t_i$ 

#### **Keypoint Matching**

• Find nearest neighbors

$$\begin{split} \underset{\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{F}_{I_i}}{\text{minimize}} & \|F^D - \mathcal{F}^D\|\\ \text{subject to} & \varepsilon_{\sigma}^{-1} \leq \frac{F^{\sigma}}{\mathcal{F}^{\sigma}} \leq \varepsilon_{\sigma},\\ & \|F^x - \mathcal{F}^{x+t_i}\|_2 < \varepsilon_x \end{split}$$

 $\varepsilon_x$ : keep 10% of closest matches



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#### **Distribution Over Matches**

• Consistency of matches between two images





Kernel Density Estimation

#### **Training Images**







Test

$$\hat{L} = \underset{l \in \{1, \dots, \eta\}}{\operatorname{arg\,max}} p(L = l, F, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F})$$

Segmentation Transfer  
Infer segmentation S  

$$I = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \sum_{L} p(S, I, S, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{L}, L, m)$$

$$= \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \sum_{L} p(S|L, S, m) \cdot p(I|\mathcal{I}, m) \cdot p(L|m) \cdot p(m)$$

$$p(S|L, S, m) \propto \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } S^{L} = S_{m}^{L}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$p(I(x)|\mathcal{I}, m) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\nu}} \exp\left(-\frac{(I(x) - \mathcal{I}_{m}(x))^{2}}{2\nu^{2}}\right)$$
Background for less than 15%

 $p(L|m) \propto p(L) \cdot \delta(\mathcal{L}_m, \hat{L})$ 

No improvement with organwide affine transformation

## Experiments

- VISICERAL (re-sampled to 2mm)
  - 20 contrast-enhanced CT (ceCT), 200 x 200 x 349
  - 20 whole-body CT (wbCT), 217 x 217 x 695
  - 10 organs
- Leave-one-out procedure
- Comparison to multi-atlas segmentation
  - Majority Voting
  - Locally-weighted voting (Sabuncu, TMI 2010)
  - Deformable registration: ANTS (Avants, 2008)

## **Keypoint Voting Statistics**

#### Contrast enhanced CT

Organs	Liver	Spleen	Aorta	Trachea	r.Lung	l.Lung	r.Kid	l.Kid	r.PM	l.PM	Bckgrnd
# Keypts	13.6	4.0	7.6	3.0	29.7	24.7	12.1	12.2	2.5	3.0	526.0
% Labeled	73	89	98	100	95	92	98	99	94	92	33
% Correct	87	91	97	99	100	100	98	100	99	93	0

No background keypoints in training set

#### **Segmentation Accuracy**

#### **Contrast enhanced CT**



Bars: Mean Error bars: standard error

#### **Segmentation Accuracy**

#### Whole-body CT



Bars: Mean Error bars: standard error





#### Runtime



#### **Segmentation Accuracy**

#### Vary number of training images



## Limited Field-of-View

• Kidneys



Spleen



- Out of the box registration fails
- Add neighboring keypoints to vote for spleen



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## Conclusions

- Keypoint transfer segmentation
  - Maps entire organs
  - Sparse correspondences
- Generative models for inferring labels and segmentation
- Characteristics
  - Robust to variations in field-of-view
  - Computationally efficient